

February 17, 2018

BLM Eastern States Office, Attention: State Director,
20 M Street SE, Suite 950,
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned December 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio -- 2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

EX-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

PROTEST

I, Peggy Gish,
landowner and concerned citizen of Southeastern Ohio
13206 Dutch Creek Rd.
Athens, OH 45701

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

1. In leasing these parcels, the BLM has failed to comply with NEPA in providing an adequate environmental assessment (EA) of the risks involved with "fracking."
2. The EA fails to account for spill risks, seismic activity, affects of spills on land and water quality, endangering wildlife.
3. Although fracking in this area may provide some jobs in the area, they are likely to be temporary and for only a few local workers. Yet people in the whole area will be affected by the environmental consequence and harm to agriculture and tourist industry, and road degradation in that area.
4. The process or "fracking" impacts the water systems and supply of local landowners, as it uses 5 million to 10 million gallons of water per "frack" procedure. It could also dry out animal's habitats.
5. Large amounts of hazardous chemicals that are used in the "fracking" process, that will leach into waterways and local underground water reservoirs, polluting the water and land that the local residents depend on for their livelihood.
6. In leasing these parcels, the BLM has failed to give adequate consideration to the impacts of global climate change that would result from natural gas development and deforestation.

Sincerely,


Peggy Gish

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This is done by asking the following questions: What is the problem? What are the symptoms? What are the causes? What are the effects?

2. The second step is to analyze the problem. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the underlying causes? What are the contributing factors? What are the potential solutions?

3. The third step is to develop a plan of action. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the goals? What are the objectives? What are the steps? What are the resources? What are the responsibilities?

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the actions? What are the timelines? What are the milestones?

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the outcomes? What are the impacts? What are the lessons learned?

6. The sixth step is to report the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the findings? What are the conclusions? What are the recommendations?

7. The seventh step is to follow up on the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the next steps? What are the ongoing activities? What are the future plans?

8. The eighth step is to review the process. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the strengths? What are the weaknesses? What are the areas for improvement?

9. The ninth step is to document the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the records? What are the reports? What are the files?

10. The tenth step is to share the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the presentations? What are the publications? What are the communications?

11. The eleventh step is to celebrate the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the awards? What are the recognitions? What are the celebrations?

12. The twelfth step is to reflect on the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the insights? What are the reflections? What are the thoughts?

13. The thirteenth step is to learn from the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the lessons? What are the takeaways? What are the insights?

14. The fourteenth step is to apply the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the applications? What are the uses? What are the implementations?

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16. The sixteenth step is to monitor the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the observations? What are the measurements? What are the evaluations?

17. The seventeenth step is to maintain the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the updates? What are the revisions? What are the improvements?

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22. The twenty-second step is to follow up on the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the follow-ups? What are the continuations? What are the extensions?

23. The twenty-third step is to review the results. This is done by asking the following questions: What are the reviews? What are the critiques? What are the evaluations?

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